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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA ISSUES: ANNEX TO UK PAPER

REF: USNATO 2854 DTG 220855Z MAY 75

1. UK DELEGATION HAS CIRCULATED ANNEXE (RE FORCE DEFINITIONS)
TO UK PAPER ON DATA ISSUES (REFTEL). THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THAT
TEXT.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF ANNEX E

RESPONSE TO CHALLENGE ON DEFINITIONS

1. POSSIBLE LINE OF CHALLENGE

A. NATO HAS INCLUDED WP ELEMENTS WHICH ARE NOT PART OF GROUND FORCES.

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B. NATO HAS NOT INCLUDED WP ELEMENTS (EG HELICOPTER CREWS)
WHICH ARE PART OF THEIR GROUND FORCES.

POSSIBLE RESPONSE

2. THE STANDARD NATO HAD ADOPTED IS THE UNIFORM WORN BY PERSONNEL WHICH IS WHOLLY CONSISTENT WITH NATO'S ARGUMENT THAT A MAJOR DESTABILISING FACTOR IN THE CURRENT SITUATION IS THE DISPARITY IN GROUND FORCE MANPOWER. NEVERTHELESS NATO ACCEPTS THAT IT IS DESIRABLE THAT ONLY LIKE FORCES ON EITHER SIDE SHOULD BE COMPARED AND THAT THERE MAY BE ANOMALIES IN COUNTING TO BE NOTIFIED. NATO WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM THE WP AS TO WHERE THESE ANOMALIES MAY LIE.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT IN THIS MATTER THE WP MUST BE THE "DEMANDEURS". WE THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT NATO NEGOTIATORS SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER TO TABLE ANY FIGURES, THOUGH THEY SHOULD BE PREPARED TO RESPOND IN KIND IF THE WP DOES SO. THE DISCUSSION SHOULD IN THE FIRST PLACE CONCENTRATE UPON THE CATEGORIES OF MEN OR UNITS TO BE INCLUDED OR EXCLUDED. NATO SHOULD RESIST ANY SUGGESTION THAT NUMBERS SHOULD BE TABLED UNTIL ALL THE CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN LISTED. NOR SHOULD ANY COMMITMENT ON INCLUSION OR EXCLUSION BE ENTERED INTO IN THE EARLY STAGES OF DEBATE

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE WP SHOULD BE MADE TO DEPLOY THEIR CASE COMPLETELY BEFORE THERE IS ANY QUESTION OF DISCLOSURE OF DETAILED DATA, AND THAT SUCH DISCLOSURE SHOULD AWAIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN NATO WHEN THE WP CASE IS CLEARER.

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